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In mid-October 1953, General FANG Ch'iang (2455/1730), commander of the Central and South China Naval Command (CSCNC), was promoted to deputy commander of the Central Navy Command and was in Peiping conferring with HSIAO Ching-kuang (5618/0513/0342), commander of the Chinese Communist Navy, concerning an increase of naval power in South China. FANG will retain his position as commander of the CSCNC. Both FANG, former commander of the 44 Army, and HSIAO are ex-Army men and belong to the clique of LIN Piao.

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